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—OF—
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—IN—
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STATISTICS

Year II., No. 40.

GLEICHEN, ALBERTA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1908.

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Distance lends enchantment, but at times it don't bring in the dough—or the grain to make it.

After quoting our remarks of two issues ago the High River Times comments as follows:

"The Call man should call around at High River one of these days and see the many farmers who drive to town from a few miles of Gleichen. These men realize they can get better bargains, not only in oatmeal, but in every other line. Our merchants are not afraid to quote prices, something that is foreign in The Call. As for all they have at Gleichen is a dinkey elevator, while here in High River we have facilities for handling two or three hundred thousand bushel. We acknowledge farmers get 2 cents a bushel more at Gleichen, owing to being nearer Fort William, but otherwise we refuse to take a back seat from our thriving town to the east of us."

Now it is real kind of The Times to acknowledge our advantages in this manner and the admission is all that could be desired. For the information of The Times it might be said that the "dinkey" elevator, combined with our warehouses, loading platform, etc., is the "dinkey" object that brought some distress to High River merchants and no doubt induces them to quote special prices the things that are quite ordinary in Gleichen. Bytheway, we might ask the Times why merchandise should not be cheaper here when he admits our freight rates are less?

The real reason the grain facilities are so much better here than at High River is that Gleichen is on the main line of the C.P. R. while High River is on a "dinkey" sideline. Then, too, another point in our favor is that our merchants buy largely in carload lots and these cars are re-loaded with grain.

The Times admits the farmers get 2 cents more at Gleichen, which amounts to a big item in the total of the immense quantity of grain coming from that direction daily, but the High River farmers tell us they get 4 and 5 cents more here.

It is possible some of the farmers south of Gleichen go to High River yet occasionally as they did before our new bridge was built; for naturally they will have some business to wind up there and like to visit the friends they made in that bustling little city.

house on his ranch. The rumor that he is to be married this winter proves false. The erection of the building is simply another evidence of his progressiveness.

E. Harold Smallcombe, the Earl of Pawtucket, has likewise made a number of improvements on his place. Dan Cupid has nothing to do in this case either.

Such has been the rush here this fall of newcomers, that at the social gatherings the old-timers feel lost, so many are the new faces. It is a bit late to express a word of welcome, but late or no we say it heartily, and the more the merrier.

The Queenstown Triumvirate, the Messrs. Kit, Brown, Christie and Cavers were in attendance at Austin Brown's dance.

The dance in question was in the nature of a house warming. The house which Mr. Brown has almost completed, is built on such an ample scale that it would seem to hint, at an early date, a radical change in the administration of his domestic economy. The dance was a success, which means that everybody danced, and what more could you ask?

We recall the chorus of a song sung by Miss Gertrude Quinlan in either the Sultan or the Shagun, but in just which we are uncertain. It is offered without comment:

You must dangle him lightly,
And talk to him brightly,
But shrink from his eager embrace;
No passion confessing,
But just keep him guessing,
And lead him a merry chase.

Forester's Ball New Year's Night

The Foresters' have postponed their annual ball from New Year's eve to New Year's night, owing to the Ranchers ball coming off Monday and also for the reason that it will give all an opportunity to more thoroughly enjoy the holiday. They are sparing no efforts to make the ball a greater success than ever and have reason to believe there will be a very large attendance. The price of admission for gentlemen has been placed at \$1 and good music and a luncheon will be provided.

Walking to Vancouver

Clark and Merchant, the journalists, who claim to be the world's champion distance walkers reached Gleichen Saturday afternoon and remained in town until noon the following day. They left Quebec Aug. 8th last and are to walk to Vancouver by the 8th of January. From there they may ride back if they can raise the funds but must be in London, England, by March 1st. They left Quebec without money and are not allowed to beg or work and must each have \$150 when they reach London but are allowed to sell anything and have some good photos of themselves and views which they are selling. They spent a couple of hours with The Call and related some interesting experiences of their trip across the continent and are confident of completing their long tramp on schedule. Their cards bears the following information: Ed. N. Clark, late editor Monmouthshire Advertiser, Corpus Christi College, Oxford; Leo. Merchant, late staff Cape Town Argus, Trinity College, Cambridge.

Andrew Oster has come back from a two month's sojourn in Calgary. Bob Rowe, poet, orator and painter, is expected back soon to galvanize us with some enthusiasm.

Pleasant Ridge News

(From our own Correspondent.)

The plans of the Pleasant Ridge Club for the winter are still incubating. Most of the members have now returned. Naturally there will be something doing now.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Mills were in town Wednesday on a flying visit.

A. B. Penn has returned to his "submarine."

Edward Thomas and family have gone to Calgary to spend the winter.

Joe Nestor returned Friday from Brant, where he spent the fall as a member of a threshing crew. Joe is still right side up with care.

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Martin O'Connor has erected a fine

Remember the Xmas. tree to-night Thursday.

SCHOOL ELECTION DATE NOT YET SET

The Call was misinformed last week in stating the nominations for the school trustees would take place on Saturday, and as a matter of fact the date has not yet been set and will not be until the books have been audited. The law provides that nominations and elections are to take place before January 15th of each year and the date is set by the Board. The proper date will be announced in due time according to the requirements of the law.

Considerable interest is now manifested in the nominations of the school trustees and it is probable that it will result in a very keen contest. Among the names mentioned for candidates are Messrs. Buckley, Ostrander, W. James, Larkin, McKay, Henrot and Griesbach. From this number a good choice should be made, although it is not known whether all are willing to stand for election. However, it should result in bringing out every ratepayer to see that the best men are elected to handle our school affairs for the coming year.

TOWN AND DISTRICT

The election of town councillors this year is being taken up seriously and already votes are being canvassed for by friends of some of our best business men and the interest already shown would result in bringing out the best men we have for the positions. It is aimed to get men into the council for next year who will do their very best for the town regardless of the petty talk that a few are always ready to put up and that is so annoying to men who give their time and energy for the general good of the community. This year the Council had but little funds to disperse and could do little of the many improvements they would like to have done, but as one or two of them have about decided to stand for re-election it is interesting to note how many ratepayers will approve of the course they have pursued by electing them for another term.

Bricklaying on the new Gleichen school house was completed on Tuesday afternoon and the work of roofing it in has already commenced. Once the roof is on the windows and furnace will be put in and then the work of finishing the interior can be carried on uninterrupted by the weather, although there has been little room for complaint by the bricklayers on this score. The new building has a fine appearance and is a credit to Gleichen; one that each one may be proud of and can take their visitors to see. Last Sunday many of our town people visited the school and enjoyed the fine view from the second story.

It do beat all creation what this here sunny Alberta can do. Listen to this from the Vermillion Signal: "From the simple announcement of a birth appearing in another column of this issue, nobody would gather that an event of the greatest moment in the lives of two people had occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Frank White came to Vermillion a year ago from Michigan. They had been married fourteen years, and were childless. But today joy runs riot in the home of the Whites!" This fact should draw many more settlers to Alberta.

The land seekers continue to arrive and old Sol to shine hotly down upon them.

Gleichen seed fair, Jan. 26.

Councillors nominations Jan. 4th. Sunny Southern Alberta expresses it very nicely--thank you.

We must one and all get busy now in order to secure the Agricultural College.

Thos. Devine wishes it known that he has discontinued the lumber business at Cluny for the present.

There is a good investment for the person who will build houses to rent in Gleichen and it would be a good thing for this town.

Another school house is to be built in the Queenstown district, east of the lake.

A Watch Night service will be held in the Methodist church on the last night of the old year, 31st December. Service will commence at 11 o'clock and all will be welcome.

Ganong's chocolates in fancy boxes at Post Office Drug Store. Remember that you need not hesitate to give these to your sweethearts for Xmas. as they are the finest made.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison returned last week from Calgary and went back again Monday to stay a few weeks with their daughter Mrs. Burkholder, in hopes that something can be done for Mr. Harrison, who is far from enjoying good health.

There are two ways of spending a dollar. You can spend it at home, gain an easy conscience, make another friend and perhaps get the dollar back tomorrow, or you send it away, feel that you have sinned, offend the home merchant and forever lose the dollar and the blessed influence for good to your self and neighbor.

The children are all agog over the Xmas tree to be given tonight and have prepared an excellent program for the occasion. It will hardly be necessary to advise their elders to express their approval by a large attendance for it is too well known that the Gleichen boys and girls are capable of giving an entertainment that is worth seeing. So a big crowd will be there.

Mayor Brown of Namaqua is determined to make a city of his new burg. He has just succeeded in securing a school for that place and the election of trustees will take place some day this week. He has also been successful in getting a post office money-order department established, and has several other good things in sight for that place. May success attend his way.

Owing to the fact that we had to leave town on Monday our space in the paper was overlooked and we wish to advise all those holding tickets to bring them into our store not later than Monday evening Dec. 28th, so that we may be able to find out just how you stand in the gold watch contest. Names will be published next issue, and prizes will be awarded the second week in January. Wilkie & Firth.

Gleichen Grain Market

Following are the prices quoted today in Gleichen:

1 Red	76	1 Nar.	79
2 "	73	2 "	76
3 "	70	3 "	72
4 "	64	4 "	69
5 "	58	5 "	63
1 Bl. Red	66	6 "	54
2 "	63	1 Bl. J.	68
3 "	60	2 "	65
1 White	73	3 "	62
2 "	70	Feed.	46
3 "	65	Oats	25
4 "	56	Malting Barley	38
5 "	51	3 Barley	30
1 Bl. J.	92	4 "	28
2 "	88	Feed.	26
3 "	83	Rej.	25
Feed.	46	Fleas	10
Rye	60		

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W. PARK EVANS,

Publisher and Proprietor.

Gleichen, Alberta, December 24, 1908.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS ALL.

This is Christmas Eve and if it were possible to deceive Santa Claus we would hang up our socks and pray that they would be filled with the following:

An agricultural college.

A railway north and south through Gleichen.

The Blackfoot Indian Reserve open to settlers from here to Bow river.

A fat bank account.

A section of irrigated land.

A return railway pass to our old home in the east.

There are a few more articles we would like, but the above would do until our socks would hold more.

A Christmas Story

Two little beds placed side by side,

In a nursery somewhere about;

Two little figures dressed in white,

And talking! ('twas wrong, no doubt).

One little moon just peeping in,

Saw a stocking on each small cot.

"Stockings are meant for legs," said he,

"But I'm certain those are not."

One youngster said: "The chimney's small,

And he's fat, they say, and old;

Could grandpapa come down that way,

If you gave him his weight in gold?"

said the other: "The presents, you know

How sooty they would be;

If they are, it shows he's come that way.

If they're not, he's not you see."

Two little heads went slowly down,

And four little eyes were closed;

When two dark figures came softly in

By the door, it's to be supposed;

They stopped a while at each yawning mouth

Of those stockings hanging there;

Whilst the moon remarked to a little star

"Walking toy-shop, I declare."

The sun came out and the moon went home,

The stars had ceased to shine;

When these two little men seized a stocking each,

Crying out, "It's mine!" "It's mine!"

Then with Christmas joy, without alloy,

They seized on each a piece of plunder;

They forgot all about the chimney soot,

Wouldn't you?—then who can wonder?

Queenstown Happenings

(From Our own Correspondents)

A. Elder is erecting a new addition to his residence.

A. Begg has about completed a fine new addition to his residence.

D. Barto, one of our prosperous farmers, made a trip to Gleichen the other day.

Mr. W. H. Robertson accompanied by Miss B. Elder made a trip to Gleichen last week.

P. Pulson of Clareholm is back on his homestead again and is now busy hauling his grain to Gleichen with the assistance of O. P. Solberg.

The demand for Queenstown spring wheat is going up—watch the prices on good wheat.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Solberg and Mr. Mrs. W. H. Markley Sunday at F. E. Robertson's.

Messrs. T. Sutherland and William Ritchie are back from B. C. and are on their homesteads for the winter.

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Queenstown school house on Christmas Eve when Santa Claus is expected to appear in full costume.

A very pleasant time was had by a large number of Queenstown folks at the residence of Austin Brown on Friday evening and made a good test of the floor by dancing till the wee sma' hours.

Say, talk about the Government stopping the dangerousfeat of looping the loop, but you just ought to see the farmers that haul grain to Gleichen loop the loop to get to the bridge that the Government put in for the farmers south of Gleichen. They put in a good bridge all right but the way to get to it is one of the most dangerous feats to be accomplished by a common farmer. What the government was thinking of when they left this good work unfinished I know not, but trust it won't be long before it is remedied.—A FARMER.

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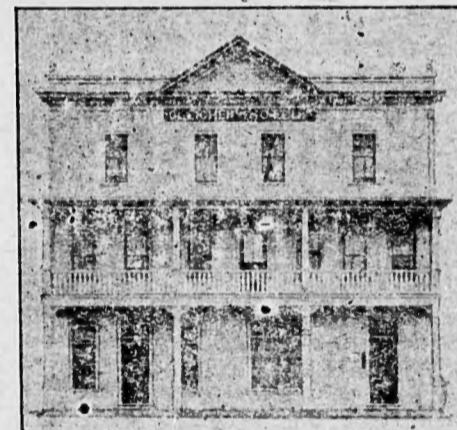
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PUNDIT A-K HAS SPENT YEARS
IN THIBET.Secret Agent of British Government
In India Has Surveyed Many
Hundreds of Miles in the Forbidding
Land During Wanderings of
Nine Years—Counted the Miles by
Saying Prayers on Rosary.

The survey of India has produced in its annual report the portrait of the greatest of Indian explorers. He was known to geographers for years as the Pundit A-K. His identity was not revealed as long as he was likely to be employed again in the exploration of Thibet, where no white man or East Indian was permitted to travel.

When he became superannuated the Government gave A-K a grant of land and other rewards for his remarkable services, and since then he has been known as the Pundit Krishna. The story of his wanderings for nine years in a forbidding land, even when told in the plain, dry style of official reports, reads like a romance.

There was not a waking moment when he was not acting a part. Born on the frontier of Thibet, he could talk the language of the country like a native, and this was his one great advantage.

He traveled always as a Tibetan, now as a merchant with a considerable stock of goods, then as an itinerant pedler, again as a Buddhist devotee, reciting sacred verses from hamlet to hamlet, and on two or three occasions, when necessity compelled, he secured employment as a herder of sheep and goats.

If his secret had been discovered his life would have paid the penalty. He was in peril many times and was occasionally arrested and detained as a suspicious character, but he always had a straight story to tell, and the truth was never known till he was living in the retirement and peace which he had earned.

His greatest mishaps were that robbers despoiled him twice of nearly everything he could use in paying his way. Otherwise he never met with any personal ill treatment, and the reports he made are remarkable for the absence of any expression of animosity against those who did him harm.

The Indian Government thought it politically of great importance to learn more about the vast closed country to the north, in which were hidden the resources of three of the greatest of India's rivers—the Indus, the Sutlej and the Brahmaputra. So the Government trained a number of Hindus who gave promise of becoming intelligent and skillful observers and taught them the arts of exploration.

They learned how to make route surveys and to determine heights and latitudes. It was strongly impressed upon them that they must keep an unbroken record of the bearings and distances on their routes from place to place and also determine a few latitudes. With this information a fairly accurate map might be made of their travels.

They were to obtain distances by counting their paces. This is a very tiresome thing to do, but the Pundit A-K kept it up for practically every step on his journeys through Thibet.

Sometimes he was so well to do that he had two or three horses to carry his trade goods, and the people thought it astonishing that they never saw him riding. Once he was clapped into jail by the governor of the district who thought him worth watching. He was released through the good offices of a lama, or Buddhist priest, who had seen him before and thought him the humblest and most devout man he had ever met.

The lama invited the Pundit to his monastery, 600 miles away, through an unexplored region, and the explorer had to ride a horse to keep up with the party. He counted every pace of his horse, kept up all his scientific observations, and no one was the wiser.

The way he contrived to lull suspicion all through his four journeys was very effective and ingenious. He managed matters so that the more scientific work he did the larger grew his reputation as a Tibetan of remarkable sanctity. As he walked his lips were always moving and it was evident that he was praying.

Appearances are deceptive, for he was merely counting his paces under his breath. He was always fingering his Buddhist rosary and every minute or so he would drop a bead. This act did not record another prayer uttered, but one hundred paces walked.

When the Pundit and his servant reached the Indian border on the last homecoming they were emancipated from their hardships, ragged and destitute, but they felt triumphant, for they had brought home every instrument they had taken away and preserved every journal and field book. None of his brethren in the survey equalled the exploits of A-K and he is counted among the leading explorers of Thibet; but he had his limitations like his fellow-surveyors.

Many have supposed that the Asiatic explorers of the Indian survey were educated native gentlemen, but this was not the case. The survey was never able to secure the services of well educated natives who at the same time possessed the hardihood, courage and endurance required of an explorer in Thibet.

Boatblack Tenor in Opera.

Harry Sokolsky, a boatblack, who has a wonderful tenor voice which was discovered by Caruso, has been engaged to sing in grand opera at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York this season. Sokolsky is a Russian, the only support of his mother and sisters, and Caruso heard him sing in a Pittsburg church in April.

THE SURPRISE PARTY.

An Achievement of Which an Enemy
Might Well Be Proud.

There is little doubt that a surprise party given for a person of mature years is one of the highest forms of civilized cruelty. It is a custom of long standing and one that people still indulge in and do it blithely, with enthusiasm and a blind belief that they are pleasing, while all the time the poor victim is almost in tears at what he feels to be the tragedy of the thing.

It is no small matter to have your wife, the woman who above all others you feel sure understands you and agrees with you on all important matters, suddenly disclose a distorted sense of what is amusing, a mixing of what is kind and what is cruel, which results in one of the most maddening evenings you have ever spent, says The New York Evening Sun. To have at a word from her a life sized party explode in your drawing room and then, as the anger rises in your heart, inundates your speech—while this is going on inside you—to see her standing in the midst of that crowd of guests rocking with laughter—well, it is a man of a supernatural sweetness and balance who can stand it.

A party is not a thing that one wants to stumble upon unexpectedly, particularly a party in your own house, the one place where you hope to find quiet; above all, a party of which you are the unwilling centre. No; one should be allowed to prepare for these things, to grapple with the idea of them, digest it, recover from it, so that when the night for it finally arrives the thought of the party will be a thing you are well used to, almost a part of your daily life, not a blinding light turned on with such suddenness that it leaves you blinking for the rest of the evening. That is not the sort of thing a friend allows to happen to you naturally not. It is a thing an enemy might be proud of.

Fifchin.

Riding across the country one day Dr. Blank noticed an old negro who had been for quite a while perched motionless upon a little bridge, fish silent from the stream beneath. For some time he watched him from a distance, but finally, overcome by the old fellow's unmoved patience, he rode up and accosted him. "Hello, Wash! What are you doing up there?" "Fifchin', sah," came the reply. "Not getting many, are you?" "No, sah."

"Well, it seems to me you'd get tired fishing so long without a bite."

"I don't want no bit, cap'n."

"Well, that's funny. Why don't you want a bite, Wash?"

"Hit's this a-way, cap'n: When I git a lots of bites, hit takes all meh time to git the fish off'n meh line an' I doesn't have no time for fishin'."

Follett Children.

It is said that when Macaulay, a boy of six, was asked to have some more pudding he politely replied "Thank you, I have enjoyed an ample sufficiency."

This sage reply is matched by a little Cleveland girl who, when offered a second frosted cake, showed her excellent training by answering "Mamma has directed me to always refrain from taking a second piece of anything."

It is gratifying to know, however, that the childish nature promptly reasserted itself when the little maid added: "But you can lay it on my plate, if you please."

The Banana.

The banana is said to have thirty-four times the nutritive value of the potato and twenty-five times that of bread. In the West Indies the natives cut the fruit into strips called "pegs," dry these in the sun and grind them into flour, out of which many excellent dishes are made. No cheaper food grows in the tropics. The plant begins bearing fourteen months after being planted. It requires no cultivation and produces harvests uninterruptedly for eleven years. A few feet of ground nourishes a plant, and the space of a dooryard will grow plants enough to maintain a large family.

Dog Must Not Work.

Some misguided person returning from a continental holiday has wondered why dogs are not used in England as beasts of burden. The reason why is nothing less simple than a statute. As long ago as 1339 an act was passed making it a punishable offence for any person within the metropolitan area to "use any dog for the purpose of drawing or helping to draw any cart, carriage, truck or barrow." Fifteen years later, in 1354, an act, passed in "the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals," extended the prohibition to all parts of the kingdom.

Planist's Ingenious Revenge.

The proprietor of a Paris cafe noticed that after he had refused to give the pianist an increase of salary the number of his customers dwindled rapidly. It was only when all but one diner had deserted him that he discovered the pianist had been inflicting Chopin's "Funeral March" on the audience nightly. The pianist pleaded at the court that he played according to the mood he felt in after his request had been refused, but he was fined \$10.

Earthquake Carpenters.

The term "earthquake carpenter" at first glance might give the impression of a person capable of doing a job in fast time, regularly shaking the work together. To some persons it might convey the idea of a man whose work was so poor that it was likely to drop to pieces at any moment. Actually it is a Jamaican term and really means a man whose work is in wrecking, a man who takes apart the fallen houses and sorts out the timbers.

J. E. KILCUP, Mgr.

If you want to sell your property now is the time to list it with us. We have improved and unimproved lands for sale. Call and see our list of Real Estate.

The Gleichen Reliability and Insurance Company

THE HUB, - E. URCH

DO
YOU
KNOW?

That the secret of success is real merit. Our success has been built on this foundation—

Merit Alone

And in buying your Fruit, Confectionery, Tobacco and Cigars you get

99³/4 sets. worth for one \$

Pool Room Three Fine Tables in connection

Gleichen Lumber Co.

500 FARMERS WANTED

At the Gleichen Lumber yard where you can buy the best lumber, lath, shingles, doors, windows, etc.

A fine lot of A1 Fire Wood just arrived.

Get our prices before buying elsewhere.

A. J. CAMPBELL, - Manager

Office Massey, Harris, Gleichen.

SARNIA LIVERY STABLES

We beg to announce that we have opened a Livery, Feed and Sale Stable in Gleichen and respectfully solicit a share of your valued patronage.

JAMES & LE MESSURIER, Props.

STAPLES & COMPANY,
Lumber,Cluny
Bassano Brooks

In order to meet the demands of the settlers now pouring in along the line of the Irrigation Canal we have installed yards at the above points.

A full line of lumber and building material carried.
Dimension, Flooring,
Ceiling, Siding,
Lath, Shingles, Doors, Windows, Mouldings, Etc.

Our Xmas. Goods and Prices

Special

Cranberries cut down and now selling 3 lbs. for 25c.
12 Boxes Japanese Oranges left.

Will sell these out at 75c. per box.

Here is what you need and you cannot do better than see our stock before you buy.

Everything Fresh

Choice Valencia Raisins, 2 lbs. 25c.
Choice Seeded Raisins, 2 pkgs. 25c.
Choice wet cleaned Currants, 2 lbs. for 25c.
Cape Cod Cranberries, 2 lbs. for 25c.
Dates just in, per lb. 10c.
Figs just in, per lb. 10c.
Mixed Peel, per lb. 18c.
Oranges, per doz. 60c.
Lemons, per doz. 50c.
Shelled Walnuts and Almonds, per lb. 40c.
New Season Cocoanut, per lb. 25c.
Fancy Table Spy Apples, per box \$1.90.
Eggs, per dozen 35c.
Butter, per lb. 30c.

We have just received an assortment of Dress and Dry Goods including Opera Shawls and Painted Sofa Pillow Tops. We have on order an assortment of Choice Boxed Candles and are in a position to supply Xmas. Trees, Holly, Mistletoe, Flowers and Wreaths for decorations. All orders for decorations must be in not later than Dec. 20. See our stock before buying and save money.

GLEICHEN MERCANTILE CO.

Opposite The Call Office

Leaders Last Week in the Gold Watch Contest



Mr. W. J. Slater
Mr. Benton
Mrs. D. Gillespie
Miss Convey
Mrs. F. H. Blackbourn
Mrs. Wilson
Miss B. McEwen
Mrs. Maisey
Mr. Leggett

There are a few others whose names we have not obtained, but will try and print the full list next week. Come in and look over our stock before buying your Xmas. presents. We give you a straight discount whether you win a prize or not as each one of our tickets when filled out is good for \$1.25 worth of goods from our store.

Wilkie & Firth,

MISCELLANEOUS

Small Ads under this Heading cost 50 cents for first insertion & \$1 per month, while for more than one item is included an additional charge of 25c. Each the number of items are given with each order ads are left in until ordered out and charged for in full.

FOR SALE—I have closed a deal where by I can sell 320 acres, war grant, \$1.65 per acre. Choose your land and write quickly. Captain Cooper, Box 412, Calgary, Alberta.

FOR SALE—Barred Rock Cockerels \$2. Mammoth Bronze Turkeys, young toms \$5. Pulletts \$3. All these birds guaranteed pure bird. If not satisfactory may be returned. M. S. Gibson, Blue Spring Ranch. 11-26

FOR SALE—Two coyote hounds (dogs) fifteen months old. Good killers and one very fast. Will sell singly or together. Apply to J. F. Costigan, 13 miles north of Gleichen on C. P. Irrigation Survey.

FOR SALE—Windmill and pump in good working order. Apply, E. G. Ward, Gleichen. 11-19

STRAYED—From C. P. R. engineering camp 10 miles east of Gleichen, one yellow and white setter dog, one year old. Anyone finding same will be rewarded by returning to J. Duff, Gleichen, Alta.

FOR SALE—Double Iron Bed complete with mattress; also Bureau, Pitner Light, Range and small Table. Apply to Ralph Notter, Box 92.

THE J.C. RANCH



For Sale

10 Clydesdale Stallions

I am offering for sale 10 head of my Clydesdale Stallions, ages from 1 to 5 years. Five of these were successful competitors in the Show Ring.

Call and inspect my stock or write to what you want.

I buy the best.
I Breed the Best.
I Breed my own Show Stock.
I want your order.

JOHN CLARK, Jr.,
Box 127, Gleichen, Alta.

Work Horses Wanted!

At Gleichen, Dec. 30th

I intend to be at the Blackfoot Agency on the 30th instant with a view of purchasing a car load of work horses.

Only sound animals are wanted and they to be docile, free from vices, at least halter broken, over three and under seven years of age and weigh between 1200 and 1350 lbs individually.

J. A. MARKLE.

Queenstown Happenings

(From Our own Correspondents)

R. Shore made a trip to the city Friday.

Roy Jackson made a business trip to Nanton last week.

The crossing on the ice at the old ferry is in good order now.

P. Pulson is on a trip to Claresholm to look after his grain interests there.

W. Kripps returned from his Calgary trip looking none the worse.

Rev. Mr. Lynd will conduct services on Sunday, Jan 2nd, at 2 o'clock, in the school house.

A. Armstrong is settling down to be a good old bachelor these days—pancakes and molasses.

P. Reisdorf who has been sojourning around Macleod for the last two months returned to his homestead last week.

Wm. Smith was made happy the other day by finding some horses he lost two years ago. He found them at Macleod.

W. Hermann drove his brother, Carl, to Gleichen last week to be treated for rheumatism with which he has been afflicted for the last two or three weeks.

A pleasant surprise party was had at the residence of A. Beggs on Friday evening and proved a grand success, a large crowd being present. Dancing being the principal amusement.

To Smokers—T. & B. Tobacco is put up in 3, 4 and 9 plugs to the pound and sold at 30c., 25c., and 10c. per plug. F. K. McKay.

Santa will sure visit Gleichen tonight

Burnt leather souvenir novelties at Post Office Drug Store.

Foresters' Annual Ball New Year's night, Jan 1st.

Pocket and other dairies for 1900 at Post Office Drug Store.

A. J. Campbell left last week to spend Xmas. at his farmer home at Paisley, Ontario.

Now is the time to buy New Year Calenders. See Yates' splendid assortment.

The true Christmas feeling is one of the grandest human nature can experience.

Frank Vigar brought in a fine collection of Xmas. trees on the stage Monday from Rosebud Creek.

The new farmers' grain loading platform is now in commission and good use will be made of it.

The regular meetings of the Gleichen and District Board of Trade are held on the second Tuesday, in each month.

Sid Greenwell and F. Browning left last week for Yakima, Wash., where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. L. Lewis spent a couple of days last week visiting Mrs. Evans on her way from North Dakota to Wilmer, B.C.

The Gleichen Realty and Insurance is turning over business so fast that it has—well, see if you note it in this issue.

E. Urch has started a pool handball tournament at The Hub in which over 30 are enlisted and much interest is manifested.

Y. R. Marshall extends invitations to all pilgrims to visit his bowling alley and pool room during the holiday season.

The Call has printed some excellent menus the past few days for our hotels and it is evident there is some mighty good things coming to the people of this town on Xmas. day.

The Gleichen stores never wore such gay holiday attire and it will do you good to view the decorations.

C. J. Bray's pigeon shoot tomorrow morning promises to be a great success and some new shots may be reckoned upon. The prizes he is offering are beauties.

In the year 1903 Gleichen has made more substantial growth than in any previous year and in next issue The Call hopes to give some idea of the actual growth in dollars and cents.

Special Christmas Dinner

—at the—

PEOPLE'S CAFE

From 2 to 6 P.M.

Our parlors will be specially decorated for the occasion—lots of Holly and ——Mistletoe

We have heaps of Xmas. Cake, Candy and all sorts of Holiday Decorations for sale

Holly
Mistletoe
Wreathing
Xmas. Trees.

LARKIN & LARKIN,
Proprietors.

NOTICE

Sealed tenders will be received up to January 15th, 1900, for the erection of the Pioneer School House, No. 1828.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

For plans and specifications apply to:

GEORGE HORALE,
Queenstown, Alta.

NOTICE

No person shall set out fire within fifty feet of any building. Any person guilty of this offence is liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$10.

J. TAIT JOHNSTON,
Sec-Treas., Village of Gleichen.

Notice of Dissolution

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Millie & Kinninmonth, carrying on a general butcher business in Gleichen has this day been dissolved and in future will be conducted under the name of Chas. A. Millie.

Dated at Gleichen, Alberta, the 1st day of Nov., 1903.

CHAS. A. MILLIE.

J. KINNINMONTH.

Mayor Brown of Nanton was in town Saturday adjusting some rather mighty business deals.

You may be Santa Claus if you will.

It is stated there are four very mild cases of small pox in the Indian children's home at the North Camp, and Drs. Lafferty and Rose are taking every precaution to confine it to that place.

Don't Miss this opportunity.

A Chance of a Life Time.

A large English Plum Pudding for only 75c. worth \$1.50
3 Large packages of Sultana Raisins for 25c.
7 Large cans of Tomatoes for \$1.

F. K. McKay

Phone 311. Goods delivered 15 minutes after Order received.

An Announcement

Having entered into partnership and bought out the bakery business of Messrs. Notter & Browning we will be found at their old stand for the present. We expect to move into the Larkin Block shortly where we will be pleased to meet all the old customers and all the new ones that may favor us with their patronage.

Wedding cake, Fancy cake and Good Loaf at fair prices.

PEOPLE'S BAKERY, GIBSON & LARKIN

J. M. Telford left Saturday evening for the Juicy coast, where he will spend a few weeks about Vancouver looking after his property interests there.

Call at the Drug Store for your Xmas. presents. Prices right and satisfaction guaranteed.

Rev. Cyril Fosom, student of Alberta College, will preach in the Methodist church on Sunday evening next, 27th December. Subject: "What is your life?" Service will commence at 7:30 and all will be welcome.

The date on which the Gleichen Seed Fair is to be held has been set for Jan 26th. Get your prize winners ready.

The Elevator Ready

Just a few words now tells the story. Our elevator at Gleichen is now ready to be filled and we are paying Cash for Grain of all kinds and giving the best market prices.

Come and see our elevator when in town.

Alberta Pacific Elevator Co., Ltd.,
W. PAUL PAGETT, Agent.

A Merry, Merry, Christmas
and a
Happy and Prosperous New Year
to One and All

C. J. BRAY, - The Leading HARDWARE
and FURNITURE Store

..Christmas Groceries..

New Layer Figs. New Table Raisins. New Valencia Raisins.
New Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel. Full assortment of Carr's Old Country Biscuits
Nuts of all kinds.

Before buying elsewhere we invite the ladies of Gleichen and district to come and have a look at our

New Silk and Net Blouses, Fancy Collars, Belts and numerous other articles specially got for Xmas. Holidays.

The Gleichen Trading Co., Ltd. W. H. JAMES, Manager.